[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

Action taken on G. O. R. O. C. No. 1502 of 22/Revenue, 1923.

117. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): With reference to paragraph 3 of their order R. O. C. No. 1502 of 1922/Revenue, dated the 14th January, 1923, in which they say that "Government have no doubt that Tahsildars are chiefly to blame for this state of things," will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken thereon and what has been the result thereof?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The remark quoted by the member refers to the failure to reconcile the departmental and treasury figures of receipts of the Land Revenue Department for 1097 M. E. In the G. O. referred to, Government had informed the Land Revenue Commissioner that they insisted on the reconciliation of these figures from the year 1098. The difference between the two sets of figures in 1097 was Rs. 4,937. It is seen from the Land Revenue Commissioner's report on the administration of the Land Revenue Department for 1098 that, as the result of steps taken for reconciliation by the Tahsildars during 1098, the difference between the departmental and treasury figures for the year is only Rs. 236 and that, if the excess collections amounting to Rs. 228, which enter into the Account Office figures but not in the departmental figures for 1098, be deducted, the actual difference dwindles down to Rs. 8. The department is striving towards effecting complete reconciliation of the departmental figures of receipts with the treasury figures.

Delay in Transhipment at Alleppey Port.

118. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is not the delay in shipping and landing at Alleppey due to want of facilities for loading and unloading at the pier head and the long time taken up by boats to ply to and from vessels?

(*b*) If it is so, will the Government be pleased to say what steps they have taken to remedy those defects?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government are informed that there have been no undue delays in landing and shipping cargo at the Alleppey pier, except when shippers and their contractors delay in loading the cargo. Delays occur in landing heavy cargo owing to hand cranes being used. Boats do not take a very long time in plying to and from vessels, under normal weather conditions.

(*b*) Sanction has been accorded to fitting up two steam winches at the pier head, and these have already been obtained from England and will be placed in position as soon as the derricks ordered arrive. The winches are expected to be in working order when the port reopens in September next after the monsoon. The pier will then have two steam winches and two hand cranes for handling cargo. These are the only extra facilities considered necessary at present.

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